

Sub D2  
-44. Circular target body, comprising a cylinder-body with a central opening, one end face of said body being symmetrically concavely tapered towards the axis of said cylindrical body through said opening to thereby define a substantially bell-shaped sputtering surface, viewed in a cross-sectional plane along said axis by steadily bent lines, a backside of said body being formed by a flat annular outer ring-surface and an inwardly recessed flat circular center surface, an amount of taper  $d_0$  being defined by

$$0.2 r_1 \leq d_0 \leq 0.54 r_1$$

wherein  $r_1$  is the radius of said cylindrical body.

Please amend Claim 35 as follows:

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Line 1, change "34" to --44--.

Please amend Claim 36 as follows:

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Line 1, after "The" insert --target--.

Please amend Claim 37 as follows: